

FISHING INTEREST.

THE PROPAGATION OF SHAD.

News of Mr. Deane's Paper--Some Interesting Statistics--The Commercial Value, &c.

The estimation in which this food fish is so universally held makes any information with regard to an increase of its supply upon the Atlantic coast a matter of quite general interest.

"The paper was discussed by several members of the Society. Mr. Sailer suggested that it brought up an interesting point in political economy, and that was whether it was advisable for any State to stock its own rivers, since the fish did not necessarily return to the river where it was spawned.

"Colonel McDonald said that the results of the shad fishery had been determined in the aggregate. While the Hudson and Delaware enjoyed the increase this year, it did not follow that it would be the same next year.

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A GIGANTIC LOBSTER.

A STORY OF THE DEEP SEA.

The Narrow Escape of a Diver on the Newfoundland Coast--A Giant of the Waters.

A Halifax letter to the New York Sun says: I met a diver here a day ago who was working on a wreck off the coast. "Is it true?" I asked, "that divers see such wonders when they go below?"

He told me a story of thrilling interest in reply. A large ship, laden with silks and valuable stuffs, had been wrecked by the vengeance of a gale and broken through the fog toward the Newfoundland coast, till the face of a tall cliff loomed against the bowprit.

When the spring was cold, the shad avoid the long rivers coming from the mountains and seek the arms of the sea, which are the small rivers during tidal ebb.

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RIGHT LEG WAS HELD FAST IN THE FANGS OF THE REMAINING GALE.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF FIVE ACRES OF HEAVILY-TIMBERED LAND.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of the City of Richmond, in and to the effect that the land described in the following description, to-wit:

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